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FOLLOWING MESSAGE WAS RECEIVED BY THIS EMBASSY FROM COMMANDER
ATKINSON, USCG, PUNTA ARENAS. SUBJECT SITREP IS QUOTED BELOW
FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

FROM: CDR JAMES ATKINSON USCG PUNTA ARENAS
TO: AMEMBASSY SANTIAGO

PASS TO CAPT S.A. WALLACE G-WEP

COAST GUARD HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC

METULA SITREP FOUR

1. SIX MEN FROM NSF DEPARTED PUNTA ARENAS VIA NAVY TUG EARLY
28 AUGUST WITH ONE ADAPTS SYTEMS, ETA METULA ABOUT NOON.
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2. THREE ATTEMPTS WERE MADE 27 AUGUST FROM 1530 TO 1630 HRS TO PUT HARVELLA ALONGSIDE METULA FOR OFFLOADING SOME CARGO, WITH NO SUCCESS DUE TO WINDS. HOWEVER AT 281900 LOCAL THE HARVELLA WAS SUCCESSFULLY MOVED ALONGSIDE METULA, AND AS FAR AS IS KNOWN COMMENCED OFFLOADING OPERATIONS.

3. OVERFLIGHT OF AREA TODAY, VERY LITTLE OIL FOUND POLLUTED. ON LAST FLIGHT (ABOUT 18 MILE EXTENDED) THE OIL COATING MOUSSE MOST HEAVY IN HIGHER PORTION OF BEACH WHICH WAS COATED WITH ON SPRING TIDES, BUT ARE NOT WASHED ON LOWER TIDES.

4. LAST NIGHT BRIEFED DR ROY HANN, MR WONHAM (IMGG) AND CAPT ENGDHAL, COMMODORE SWEDISH COAST GUARD. ALL THREE ALSO MADE FLIGHTS TODAY.

5. SITUATION ON METULA APPEARS TABLE FOR NOW WHILE TIDES NOT SEVERE.

6. PJESENT PLAN ALTHOUGH EXTREMELY FLUID APPEARS TO BE REMOVAL OF THREE LOAD FROM METULA AND THEN TO ATTEMPT REFLOAT EFFORT. EXACT DATE OF REFLOAT IS UNKNOWN AT THIS TIME, AND WILL DEPEND UPON TIME REQUIRED FOR ROUND TRIP HARVELLA. AN ESTIMATE WILL FORTHCOMING AFTER FIRST LOAD AND ROUND TRIP OF HARVELLA IS COMPLETED. AS IT APPEARS NOW THEY WILL NOT NECESSARILY DEPEND ON OPTIMUM TIDES FOR REFLOAT EFFORT AS COMPLETION OF OFFLOADING BY HARVELLA BY 2 SEPT IS MOST DOUBTFUL.
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